GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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IMPORT OF CEMENT
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan has offered export of cement to India;

(b) if so, the quantity of cement proposed to be imported from Pakistan;

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to ban export of cement from India in view of shortage; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) & (b) The shortage of cement in India has prompted imports from all producers, including Pakistan.Till date, 15 applications have been received from Pakistan seeking BIS Certification Marks License, as it is mandatory requirement for any cement to be imported into India. Since these applications are at different stages of processing in Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), the cement to be imported from Pakistan cannot be quantified at this stage and will be open to market forces.

(c) No sir.

(d) Does not arise.